

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the application. Examiner Winakur is kindly thanked for the Examiner Interview of February 24, 2010 in which he indicated the previous rejections had been overcome. The Examiner also raised potential 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph issues with the claims. The Examiner suggested submitting a supplemental amendment to resolve any § 112, second paragraph issues and place the application in better condition for allowance. In this reply Applicants have amended claims 1-15 to more clearly define the features of the claims to resolve any potential § 112, second paragraph issues, correct apparent translation errors, and conform the claims to a more traditional U.S. claiming practice. New claim 16 has been added. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments made herein. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request notice of the same.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims all pending claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Amendment to Deposit Account 13-0206. Applicants further invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number below to discuss any matters pertaining to the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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